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COMMERCE & TRANSPORT (TRANSPORT) DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 16th November, 2016

No.8108-LC-TR-96/2016/T.— Whereas, the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India vide Notification No. G.S.R. 709(E) dated the 8th October, 2014 amended the Central Motor Vehicles (Sixteenth Amendment) Rules, 2014 and vide Notification dated the 20th March, 2015 amended the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2015 whereby “E-rickshaw” has been defined as a special purpose battery operated vehicle having three wheels and intended to provide last mile connectivity for transport of passengers for hire or reward, provided (i) such vehicle is constructed or adapted to carry not more than four passengers excluding the driver, and not more than forty kilograms luggage in total, (ii) the net power of its motor is not more than 4000 W; (iii) the maximum speed of the vehicle is not more than twenty-five kilometer per hour;

And, whereas, under the said notifications, E-cart means a special purpose battery operated vehicle having three wheels and intended to provide last mile connectivity for carrying goods for hire or reward, Provided,- (i) such vehicle is constructed or adapted for carrying goods by providing a separate load body or compartment with the maximum weight 310 kilograms in addition to driver; (ii) the net power of its motor is not more than 4000 W; (iii) the maximum speed of the vehicle is not more than twenty-five kilometer per hour;

E-cart have been used for replacement of the manually pulled carts and these are nonpolluting vehicles.

And, whereas, the Central Government vide Notification No. G.S.R. 27(E) dated the 13th January, 2015 further amended the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 and inserted Rule 8-A after Rule 8 regarding issue of license to an applicant to drive E-rickshaw or E-cart provided the applicant has undergone training at

least for a period of ten (10) days and obtained a Certificate of training from the registered E-rickshaw or E-cart Association or a manufacturer producing E-rickshaw or E-cart, as the case may be;

And, whereas, the prescribed safety standards of E-rickshaw and E-cart have also been notified by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India vide Notification No. S.O. 2590 (E) dated the 8th October, 2014;

And, whereas, by amending the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 it has been sought to popularize the green mode of transport at an affordable cost to the benefit of the people;

And, whereas, the movement of E-rickshaw which has already emerged as a popular mode of passengers transport with significant opportunities to generate employment across the State will be regulated in accordance with the existing legal framework;

And, whereas, after due consideration of the relevant aspects of the matter including the utility of E-rickshaw and E-cart as a green mode of vehicle from the point of environmental protection it has been considered necessary in public interest to reduce onetime tax of such vehicles under the Odisha Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1975.

Now, therefore, the State Government in exercise of powers under clause(ii) of sub-section(1) of Section 15 of the Odisha Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1975 do hereby reduce onetime tax payable in respect of E-rickshaw and E-cart to three per cent of cost of vehicle at the time of registration of new vehicle.

By Order of the Governor

D. NAYAK

Joint Secretary to Government